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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (SECOND)

Please add the following new claims:

110. (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein the level of methylation is determined using a technique selected from the group consisting of methylation sensitive restriction analysis, methylation specific polymerase chain reaction (MSP), sequencing of bisulfite modified DNA, methylation-sensitive single nucleotide primer extension (Ms-SNuPE), and combined bisulfite restriction analysis (COBRA).

111. (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein the biological sample is breast tissue.

112. (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein the control comprises a normal tissue from a normal subject.

113. (NEW) The method of claim 47, wherein the level of methylation is determined using a technique selected from the group consisting of methylation sensitive restriction analysis, methylation specific polymerase chain reaction (MSP), sequencing of bisulfite modified DNA, methylation-sensitive single nucleotide primer extension (Ms-SNuPE), and combined bisulfite restriction analysis (COBRA).

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